

The Conning Tower

SPEAKING, TO THE SHADE OF DANTE, OF BEATRICES.

"Lo, even I am Beatrice!"
That line keeps singing in my brain.
I feel the same ecstatic bliss
As did the fluent Florentine
Who heard the well-known hell-flame hiss.
Dante, your damozel was tall
And lean and sad—I've seen her face
On many a best-parlor wall—
I don't think she was such an ace.
She doesn't class with mine at all.
Her eyes were not so large or grey;
She had no such heart-teasing smile.
Or hair so beautiful, and say,
I hate to state it, but her style
Would never get her by to-day.
I'm not denying that your queen
In your eyes may have been a bear.
You couldn't pull the stuff I've seen
About her, if she wasn't there—
That soft poetic bull, I mean.
But just to call your rhythmic bluff
I'll say, before I ring the bell
And kill this roundelay of fluff,
Like Dante, I'd go plumed
For Beatrice—and that's enough!

E. O'N.

Yesterday was the quietest, sanest Fourth we can recall. It was so quiet all day that when we arrived at the office last night and heard the clicks of the telegraph instruments we were on the point of reporting the disturbance to Commissioner Adamson.

AS BOZ HAWLEY CONTRIBUTED TO THE TOWER IN SEPT., 1914.

[From the New York Times.]

Waves of Influence.

To the Editor of The New York Times:
Presumably some feel that so long as Britannia rules the wave then must Germany waive the rules.
New York, June 26, 1915.

Yesterday was, we believe, the anniversary of the signing of the D. of I. And something like ninety-two per cent of American husbands did exactly what their wives wanted them to do.

And, we speed to add, were much happier for it.

YES, LOOKS LIKE MIXED TRIPLES, DOESN'T IT?

Sir Speaking of the Fox Meadow Tennis Club (which, by the way, has more literary ability for its weight than any other tennis club between Crestwood and Hartsdale), have you seen Gimbel's French poster in the subway in which three (3) men are playing tennis on the same side of the net? Vive le Sport!

"On four successive occasions," says Grantoldridge, "the rallying Giants had tossed the keen harpoon into the world's champions' quivering flesh—and just as they looked to be on the edge of the Big Skid Colonel Evers dashed back into the fray and turned the tide." The Braves ought to win the pennant. They appear to be a whole, an army, an automobile and an ocean.

CONTRIBS I HAVE MET.

FLACCUS.

A clear expounder of the law,
Exercitant of phrase forensic,
Not pleasing one, like Geo. B. Shaw,
While making ten sick.

His light beneath a bushel hid,
He versifies like W. Gilbert.
How can a brain like his be slid
Into one Filbert?

His fancy's bright as morning dews,
His rhymes are perfect as the Venus.
I do not see how one can choose,
In fact, between us.

BARON IRELAND.

Another contrib has achieved fame. "Fairylani," Brian Hooker's new opera, was produced in Los Angeles Friday night, and the returns indicate that it is a k. o. Rah! rah! rah! Conning Tower prep school!

"RHYMES ARE SO SCARCE IN THIS WORLD OF OURS."
Taffeta's not so hard to rhyme,
If you'll only take your time;
Verse to one word's hard to fit, nee-
Dless to say, the word is "jitney."

STAS.

Or East or West, or South or North,
Abound the perfect rhymes to "Fourth";
Also, we shouldn't wonder if th-
Ere were a lot of them to "fifth."

For president of the Never-Never Club we nominate L. R. H., who has lived in New York six years and never has had to stand in the subway.

We read L. R. H.'s contribution last night to the Third Assistant Copywriter. "Well," said he, "if he's defeated, put him in as chairman of the Ananias Club's house committee."

YET THERE BE THOSE THAT DO PREFER FREE VERSE.
Dead as the annual outing of the workers of St. Mary's Church by the author, P. J. Ryan.
Water Commissioner of New Britain, Conn.]

I hardly know what to write about this year.
It seems so short, though last June we were here.
We see most of the same smiling faces,
While some have gone to other places.

But that makes no difference, "Mox nix out."
We have a neutral, Fr. William Kraus.
A little bird whispered to me the other day,
There is to be a promotion for Fr. Fay.

Springtime is fine, so is summer and fall.
But the Winters we still have, are best of all.
One thing is sure, as well as certain,
We have with us yet, James M. Curtin.

We would be quiet, bashful and tame,
If we were to lose Mrs. Mary T. Crean.
And, by the way, for many a day
We'll have that "grand old man" P. J. Tormay.

The average age of the choir is unknown,
By searching the town records it can be shown.
The Choral Union is in a class all alone,
It comprises talent, tune and tone.

The new collectors get full of conceit,
When a fifteen center hires a seat.
The penny gatherers walk many a mile
From year to year up and down the aisle.

The sextons and helpers make the trustees laugh
When they want the same pay as James P. Ralph.
I think it is time to close my little rhyme,
As Mr. Pierce says we must go home at nine.

There is a (Mexican) silver lining to Huerta's cloud. He is escaping *culex sylvanorum montium*, the Forest Hills mosquito.

IN A WORD, YES.
Would not a singer simply thrilla boy?
To hear his audience yell "Cantata-boy?"

S. S.
Well, the Yanks were in fourth place on the Fourth, weren't they?

Where'll the Giants be Thursday?

F. P. A.

SING SING DRAFT ON FORGE LIST CAUSED BREAK

Osborne Sees Covert Blow in Methods Used to Shift Prisoners.

AT ODDS WITH RILEY OVER DEAL

Names Given as Volunteers Taken Without Sanction of Convicts, It Is Said.

A mysterious forging of sixteen names on the list of prisoners transferred from Sing Sing to Auburn last February has occupied the attention of Warden Osborne and his staff for several months and it is said, the investigation that has been under way was responsible for the now serious break between Osborne and John B. Riley, Superintendent of Prisons.

Until early this year, when the Superintendent of Prisons ordered a draft of prisoners from one institution to another to eliminate crowding, it was the custom of the warden of the overcrowded prison to submit a list of men to the superintendent, holding from the list efficient and good conduct men who were valuable in the shops or whose relatives lived within such easy access of the prison that transfer to a remote part of the state would be unreasonable. Practically every time the list was approved at Albany.

When a draft order came to Sing Sing last February Warden Osborne changed the method slightly. He called on volunteers. Delegates of the Mutual Welfare League in each shop submitted the names of the volunteers to the principal keeper's office, where the list was compiled by convict laborers. After that it was surveyed by the foremen of the shops, O. K'd and passed on in the usual way.

A second draft was ordered for Auburn a few days after the first group of fifty men had been transferred from Sing Sing. Again volunteers were asked for. In a short time the complete list of sixty names was sent to Albany, and following its approval there a state detective went to Sing Sing to take the men to Auburn.

The state detective, when the proposed draft men were assembled, read off their names from the list. Every now and then a protest would follow, to the effect that the man whose name had been called was opposed to transfer.

For some reason the situation didn't make itself evident then, but when Mr. Osborne went to Auburn a short time later one of the men who had been transferred sought out the Sing Sing warden.

"I don't see why they picked me out to come up here," the prisoner said. "I liked it down there and was doing my work right. My conduct record was perfect and so I can't understand why I'm here."

"You're here because you volunteered to come," said Mr. Osborne.

"But I didn't volunteer," said the man.

"You did when you gave your name at the time volunteers were asked," Mr. Osborne replied.

"But I didn't give my name," the man returned. "I didn't volunteer."

Mr. Osborne began an investigation right there in Auburn. He found that sixteen of the most efficient workers in the Sing Sing knitting and shoe shops had been drafted against their wishes. Each of them said he had never expressed in any way a desire to be transferred.

Returning to Sing Sing, the warden dug into the matter further, but could make no substantial headway. He suspected that an official enemy, through convict tools in the principal keeper's office, was so disposing of the purpose being to do destroy the efficiency of the shop men that the report would show a great falling off in productivity. That this was accomplished was ascertained at Sing Sing yesterday. It was said also that in a later draft a good worker who had invented a loom which produced five times as much material as the machine now in use at Sing Sing was taken away from that prison.

Warden Osborne, in his several public talks on his prison work, has decried a considerable part of his speech to the high productivity of his men. Now he feels that he is the victim of a plan to humiliate and embarrass him. Furthermore, it is said, the fact that Osborne seems to be less powerful than he was in the past is due to the fact that he is being discredited by the warden of Sing Sing.

He discharged the foreman of one of the shops for passing the "forged" list.

Mr. Osborne contends that if he were let alone he could bring Sing Sing to a level with Auburn. He has about 1,200 cells, 200 men are sheltered in the dormitory. Recently the warden decided to set aside accommodations for 300 men over the carpenter shop. That would permit the decent handling of 1,500 prisoners. At no time has the roster shown more than 1,587 inmates.

But Superintendent Riley has refused to permit the housing of men over the carpenter shop, and Mr. Osborne is trying to plan out some other method of taking care of the doubled-up men.

The President sent the following telegram to Mrs. Amos Pinchot, of the Women's Peace party, yesterday:

"Telegram received. Will take pleasure in trying to arrange interview with Miss Addams after my return to Washington. Thank you for information as to time of her return."

A mass meeting will be held at Carnegie Hall on Friday evening in Miss Addams' honor. She will then give her first lecture here on the European courts in an effort to obtain peace.

130 Elks Leave For West.

One hundred and thirty members of New York Lodge No. 1 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will leave by special train this afternoon to attend the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge at Los Angeles. Their train will leave the Grand Central Station at 2 o'clock. The New York Lodge is the parent of the whole brotherhood and it always seeks the leadership at the Grand Lodge sessions.

AN ENGAGEMENT.

Montclair, N. J., July 4.—Announcement has been made here of the engagement of Miss Sara L'Hommedieu, daughter of Mrs. Ida L'Hommedieu, of New York, and Floyd Trafford Gould, of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Gould, of Park Street, Montclair.

Suffragists Plan Fete To-day To Clinch Equality Argument



MISS MARGARET WYCHERLEY, WHO WILL SPEAK AT STATUE OF LIBERTY.

Naval Demonstration, Address at Statue of Liberty, Parade of Floats and Speeches Comprise Effort to Show Justice of Claim.

Women who are convinced that their sex should vote and city officials who agree with them will see to-day at the Statue of Liberty the culmination of a long and arduous campaign for the franchise. The parade of floats and speeches will be held at the Statue of Liberty, where the women will address the public.

First of all, a suffrage party will embark on the yacht Tourist at the Battery and sail at 5:30 p. m. to the Statue of Liberty. Mrs. Norman Catt will speak there.

On Bedloe's Island Miss Margaret Wycherley will address the women's appeal for liberty to the sphinx-like lady of freedom. It is not expected that the S. of L. will moisten her lips and cry "Votes for Women!" At any event, silence is sometimes more eloquent than words.

After this appeal is read the Tourist will sail up to 129th Street, where it will be read again.

At 8:30, in Claremont Park, Miss Wycherley will repeat her address to the women.

Before this march for equal rights begins, however, Miss May Peterson, who made her debut at the Opera Comique, in Paris, will sing "The Star-Spangled Banner." Controller Prendergast and Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt will speak there.

The Suffrage Party will fall in line and, carrying lanterns, will march to Seventy-sixth Street, where Miss Wycherley will again read the appeal. Other speakers here will be George Creel and Mrs. James Lee Smith.

The procession will move to Columbus Circle, where Miss Alice Carpenter will speak and where the appeal will be read once more.

The Strand Theatre will, in addition to "The Right of Way," show Maud Allan in Bosworth's "The Rug Maker's Daughter" this week.

ALIMONY DEMAND GROWS

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NEWS OF PLAYS AND PLAYERS

Maurice and Walton to Dance at City College Stadium To-night.

One of the special features obtained for to-night's programme at the stadium of the College of the City of New York, which has been assembled by the Mayor's Committee for the Fourth of July celebration, is a series of dances by Maurice and Miss Florence Walton. This will mark the first time that the stadium has been opened to the public, and the dancers have arranged several numbers which they feel will please the 10,000 persons who are expected to attend the exercises.

Maurice and Miss Walton will appear by the permission of Miss Elisabeth Marbury and the Mayor's committee, of which George Gordon Battle is chairman and Carl Beck secretary, will in turn present them to the people of New York. Miss Walton is to wear a costume representing Miss Columbia, while her partner will be attired as Uncle Sam.

The dancers are also to be featured in the cast of "Hands Up," the complete list of whose principals having been announced yesterday by the Shuberts. Others to appear in this revue will be Ralph Grey, Irene Franklin and Bert Green, Bobby North, George Haezel, Alice Joyce, Emmet Leach, William Lora, Artie Melinger, Alfred Latell, Donald Macdonald, Clarence Harvey and Peter Swift.

Theatres which hold special holiday matinees for to-day are the Cohan, where "It Pays to Advertise" is playing; the Harris, with "Twin Beds"; the Longacre, with "A Full House"; the Playhouse, with "Sinners"; and the Booth, with "The Bubble."

To-night at the New Amsterdam Miss Lucile Cavanaugh will lead a special "freerack" dance, which is to be added to the "Ziegfeld Follies" for a single performance.

At the Palace the Fourth will be celebrated by a supper in the big chandelier after the evening performance, after which the guests will inspect the new black bathroom which has just been installed.

Advices from the West indicate that Frank McIntyre, who is to have the leading role in H. H. Frazer's "Brother Masons," is rapidly taking on weight, that he may be able to make possible for the states where women may mark the ballot. Just now he weighs 244, and with an understanding of \$5 for each additional pound, he is working hard to make the 250 mark.

The Messrs. Shubert announce that one of their early attractions in New York will be William Hodge, in "The Road to Homicide," which has toured the country for two years.

Hallie Spaulding has been engaged for a role in "The Only Girl," which Joe Weber will soon send on tour. Her last appearance here was in the "Robin Hood" revival.

Lou Tellegen is to be seen in the film version of William Somerset Maugham's "The Explorer," one of his most successful plays. He has already arrived in California to begin rehearsals at the Lasky studios.

Annette Kellermann, according to an announcement by the Lasky studios, is to re-enter the field of the photo drama in a production, as yet unnamed, which will be produced in Yucatan.

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TO RELIGHT VOTE TORCH

Mrs. Blatch to Carry "Flame of Truth" to Syracuse.

The suffrage torch, whose mission is said to be to carry the flame of truth across the state, will be on its way again soon. It has been resting for a few days since Mrs. H. G. Livermeyer left it at the Amsterdam region.

Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch will be the bearer. She will carry the torch through the Mohawk Valley to Little Falls, where Mrs. James P. Arret, sister of Johnstown, will take her across country in her automobile. She will be relayed by Mrs. Norman Stanford, of Canastota, and Miss Krumbhaar, of Azenovia.

At Syracuse the torch will be entrusted to Mrs. Frederick R. Hazard and Mrs. William Blauvelt. The trip from there will include stops at Ithaca, Cortland and Corning, and the successful bearing will include Mrs. Frank Payne, of Corning; Miss Marion Tuttle, of Hornell; Miss Vesta Gibson, of Salamanca; Miss Edith M. Ainge, of Jamestown; Mrs. Westwood and Mrs. George Tiffany, of Fredonia. The torch will end its journey at a meeting in front of the City Bank in Buffalo.

USELESS MAINS MAY STUNT CITY

Needs of Growing Population Checked by Crowded Subsurface, P. S. C. Is Told.

Subsurface structures under the streets of Manhattan are so congested that in a few years there will be no room for the additional gas and water mains that the increasing needs of the population will command, unless plans are adopted for their proper arrangement, according to a report recently submitted to the Public Service Commission by its engineer of subsurface structures, Charles N. Green.

Much of the trouble, he says, comes from the duplication of gas mains. In Manhattan alone there are more than 500 miles of such mains which are unnecessary. This is caused by the large number of companies allowed to do gas business in the city.

"It would seem urgent," Mr. Green says in his report, "that unnecessary structures be removed and less cumbersome methods of installation and operation be devised."

The time has come when all structures not being used or not needed should be removed by the owning company. For the city this would reduce the cost of operation, leave more room for other more necessary structures, give space for repairs to sewers, water mains, power cables and the like and reduce the cost of pavement for the gas company. It would also reduce the fire and explosion hazard and the amount of revenue must be earned.

"It would result in better pavements, generally less interference with business and traffic and easier and cheaper repairs to gas and water mains and all other structures."

MINISTERIAL CRISIS IMPENDS IN JAPAN

Elder Statesmen Make Attacks on Policy of Foreign Minister Kato.

Tokio, July 4.—A threatened ministerial crisis resulting from criticism of the policy of Baron Kato, the Japanese Foreign Minister, is absorbing the country.

Marquis Inouye and Marquis Matsukata, both Elder Statesmen, held that the government's diplomacy was responsible for the Chinese boycott against the Japanese and for the misunderstanding current abroad of Japan's intentions.

It is reported that Katsunosuke Inouye, the Japanese Ambassador to Great Britain, who is a son of the Elder Statesman Marquis Inouye, has tendered his resignation as a result of the controversy.

"SUN" IN NEW HOME

Publication Moves to Tract Building, in Nassau Street.

"The New York Sun" abandoned its old home in the red brick building at Nassau and Franklin Streets yesterday for its new quarters in the American Trust Society Building, at Nassau and Spruce Streets.

At 8:30 yesterday morning the moving began and continued throughout the day. A dinner was held in celebration of the event in the editorial rooms in the old building at 1:30 this morning. The festivities were completed with a lockstep parade through every nook and corner of the old plant and out into the street to their new home.

Editorial work was resumed at 10 o'clock, a dinner will be held in the old composing room, to which "The Sun" alumni are invited.

PROF. MEUMANN, PSYCHOLOGIST, DEAD

Head of Colonial Institute, Hamburg, Was to Have L lectured at N. Y. U.

Professor Ernst Meumann, German psychologist and originator of the school of experimental psychology, is dead. Although his death occurred in April, word of it was received in New York only yesterday, when Professor Jeremiah W. Jenks, of New York University, received a postal card from Mary Meumann, Professor Meumann's sister.

At the time of his death Professor Meumann occupied the chair of philosophy at the Colonial Institute, Hamburg. He had assumed additional duties since the outbreak of war, he wrote. Professor Meumann had been invited by Chancellor Elmer E. Brown to lecture on business ethics in the School of Commerce at New York University, and was desirous of giving the course.

Methods of teaching children which Professor Meumann developed in Zurich, Switzerland, were intended to be the greatest single advance made in this field in 2,000 years. He wrote and edited many books on psychology and pedagogy, some of them being "Experimental Pedagogy," "Intelligence and Will" and "The Psychology of Learning."

JAMES TYNDALE MITCHELL.

Philadelphia, July 4.—James Tyndale Mitchell, ex-chief justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, died at his home here to-day from uraemia. He was eighty-one years old. He was elected to the Supreme Court in 1888 and was chief justice from 1903 to 1909, when his 21-year term expired. Since 1910 he had been Prothonotary of the Supreme Court. He was the author of many legal treatises.

Diaz To Be Buried To-morrow

Paris, July 4.—The funeral of General Porfirio Diaz, ex-President of Mexico, who died here to-day, will be held to-morrow on Tuesday next, at 11 o'clock, in the Catholic Church of St. Honoré d'Eylau.

THE WOODLAND CEMETERY.

2225 Broadway, New York City. Lots of small